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## **U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks mine inspectors in western states** *Positions available in Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington*

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new metal and nonmetal mine inspectors by conducting on-site applicant screenings May 5 and 6 at the Grand Sierra Resort (formerly the Hilton Reno), 2500 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Reno, Nev. Registration for all candidates will begin at 7 a.m. PDT. MSHA personnel will begin testing candidates at 8 a.m.

"MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry."

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA is recruiting metal and nonmetal mine inspectors for general and electrical positions in Anchorage, Alaska; Vacaville and San Bernardino, Calif.; Boise, Idaho; Boulder City and Elko, Nev.; Albany, Ore.; and Kent, Wash.

Walk-in candidates are welcome to attend the screenings on a first-come, first served basis, and everyone should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov) to confirm the status of a screening before traveling to the site.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program, should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life, and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at [www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp](http://www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp).

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